

ROBERT REDFORD

Dear Fellow Environmentalist,

I joined the Natural Resources Defense Council as a Trustee 43 years ago because they had the power to go to court. I believed in their approach of using science and litigation to protect our land, our water and our air.

I felt that way 43 years ago, and I feel even more strongly about NRDC's work today.

I don't have to tell you that the Trump Administration is doing everything in its power to dismantle and destroy President Obama's legacy of climate action and public lands protection.

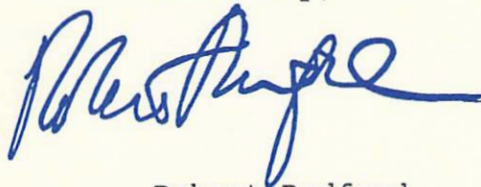
It has approved a cross-border permit for the climate-wrecking Keystone XL tar sands pipeline. It has reversed the ban on drilling in the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans. It has lifted the moratorium on new coal leasing across millions of acres of public lands, which opens the door for coal companies to mine near the gateway to Bryce Canyon National Park and other national treasures.

Now more than ever, we are counting on the power of NRDC's legal team to turn back these assaults on our environment. And that means we're going to need your help. Please read the enclosed letter from Rhea Suh, who shares more about NRDC's strategy for building a legal firewall against the Trump Administration.

After you do, please stand strong with me and NRDC by lending your support today. In my 50 years of environmental activism, I can't think of a bigger do-or-die moment for our environmental future than now.

I believe in NRDC, and I know for certain it would not be the incredibly effective group it is today without people like you.

Sincerely,



Robert Redford
Trustee, NRDC





Dear Friend,

President Trump vowed during his campaign to put America first. Instead, his pro-polluter policies are putting us dead last in the fight to combat climate change and harness clean energy.

He is withdrawing our nation from the historic Paris climate accord. He is reviving the climate-destroying Keystone XL tar sands pipeline. And he is throwing open our cherished public lands and coastlines to a bonanza of dirty coal mining and oil-and-gas drilling.

Even worse, he has filled his cabinet with fossil fuel zealots like former Texas Governor Rick Perry, Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt and ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson.

This shocking lineup represents nothing less than a fossil fuel takeover of the American government.

If ever there was a time for concerned Americans to stand united and harness our outrage into one clear, resounding call that will reverberate all the way to Washington and change the course of history, this is it.

We must make President Trump feel the heat -- through massive public opposition and aggressive courtroom action. He needs to know there will be a steep price to pay for sacrificing our climate and our public lands to the fossil fuel industry.

Today, I'm asking you to join millions of other Americans in personally delivering that message to President Trump by signing the Petition enclosed.

I'm also asking you to help make sure your message is backed up by hard-hitting action. You see, the Natural Resources Defense Council is launching an all-hands-on-deck counteroffensive that aims squarely at stopping the coming onslaught from the Trump Administration and its fossil fuel allies.

We must not let them barrel ahead with their climate-wrecking agenda. Seven out of ten Americans want our government to take action to fight climate change. We will *not* allow the President to shrug off this overwhelming majority.

That's why NRDC will be counterattacking at every turn by leveraging our courtroom firepower, our rapid response media operation and the collective force of our 2.4 million Members and activists.

But our campaign goes beyond playing defense. We can't afford to lose the next four

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years while climate change grows worse. That's why we've charted an ambitious strategy for winning new climate-saving policies both at home and around the world -- even with Donald Trump in the White House.

Don't let anyone tell you it's not possible. In fact, as you'll soon see, *it's already happening.* All we need is your support to take this fight to the next level.

Please do your part by taking the following two actions right away:

First, sign the enclosed Petition to President Trump. He needs to know there is an organized and determined force of overwhelming numbers ready to push back against any action he might take to roll back climate progress and sacrifice our public lands to the fossil fuel giants.

Second, please join NRDC for \$25 or more so that we can respond swiftly to the enormous threat posed by the Trump Administration and fight on all fronts in defense of our environment.

When you contribute, you'll be joining our network of more than two million Members and online activists. Only NRDC combines grassroots power with the legal clout of 500 attorneys, scientists and other professionals. That's what makes us the nation's most effective environmental action group.

Our victories made environmental history. We went to court and won federal protection for polar bears, who are threatened by oil drilling and climate change. We stopped Mitsubishi from industrializing the last unspoiled home of the Pacific gray whale. And we've won scores of courtroom victories over corporate polluters, from Shell to Texaco.

But we'll need the help of concerned citizens like you if we're going to turn back the extreme, anti-environmental agenda of President Trump.

I want to share more with you now about our campaign's three-prong strategy for beating back the coming assault while at the same time moving forward -- yes, forward -- in our important work to fend off catastrophic climate change.

1. Defending climate progress at home and abroad

More than 100 nations, including the United States, ratified the Paris Agreement, a turning point in concerted global action to avert climate chaos. Here at home, President Obama's Clean Power Plan set the first-ever national limits on heavily polluting power plants. And his rejection of the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline made clear that America can no longer afford massive new fossil fuel projects that will worsen climate change.

President Trump is trying his best to reverse all three of these historic moves, but he's in for a big surprise. Contrary to his campaign rhetoric, he cannot simply make it happen with the mere snap of his fingers -- and that's crucially important.

The White House will have to follow a four-year process to withdraw from the Paris Agreement. We will be using that waiting period to our advantage by rallying intense

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international, domestic -- and even corporate -- pressure on the White House.

President Trump may have broken our climate promise to the world, but he can't stop us from keeping it! NRDC is partnering with cities, states, businesses and universities to prove that millions of Americans are still working to slash global warming pollution and fulfill the Paris Agreement.

As for the Keystone XL, the Trump Administration has already approved a cross-border permit for this climate-destroying project that will send a flood of dirty tar sands oil through the American heartland, endangering countless communities, lakes, rivers and streams.

But NRDC has fired back in federal court, challenging this illegal permit. Donald Trump will have to overcome our legal firewall -- *and a groundswell of nationwide opposition* -- before he can build the Keystone XL.

The President has also issued an Executive Order directing his EPA to begin dismantling the climate-saving Clean Power Plan. But that could take more than a year. In the meantime, NRDC will be challenging them at every turn: fighting back in federal court, during agency hearings and through massive public opposition.

In short, we will make President Trump pay the steepest possible price for pursuing his climate-destroying, pro-polluter policies.

2. Shielding our public lands and coastal waters from Big Oil and Big Coal

"I'm very much into energy, and I'm very much into fracking and drilling," candidate Trump said during his campaign. No surprise, then, that President Trump and his advisors are scheming to raise "hundreds of billions of dollars" by auctioning off our public lands and offshore waters for fracking, drilling and coal mining.

Two words: No way. Just like Presidents Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush before him, President Trump is going to discover that any attempt to turn our public estate into an extractor's paradise will run headlong into the brick wall of NRDC's legal might.

We have proven on scores of occasions that the federal courts are America's last, best line of defense when Big Oil and Big Coal threaten our national forests, our wildlife refuges, even land next to national parks. NRDC is now on high alert, ready to strike back swiftly in federal court, blocking any and all attacks that are launched on our last wild places.

We have *already* filed suit to stop Trump from lifting the ban on drilling in the Arctic Ocean -- home of the polar bear -- and in the Atlantic Ocean as well.

At the same time, we are mobilizing an army of determined grassroots opposition -- making clear to President Trump that plundering our natural heritage will fast become a public opinion nightmare!

3. Building unstoppable momentum toward a clean energy future

Simply put, the world doesn't revolve around Donald Trump. NRDC has been in

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the vanguard battling climate change for decades, and our work extends far beyond Washington, D.C. We've been racking up progress at a furious pace.

More than 7,000 mayors -- representing 600 million people worldwide -- have announced plans to slash climate pollution. At the state level, NRDC has championed clean energy measures in California, New York and across the Northeast and Midwest.

Internationally, our energy experts are advising China and India, which have an enormous incentive to cap the burning of coal that is choking their cities with smog. Last year, China invested \$100 billion in renewables and installed half the world's wind power. NRDC is also on the ground in Europe, Canada and Latin America, helping nations develop clear plans for cutting their global warming pollution.

So whether President Trump likes it or not, the tide is turning against dirty oil and coal. NRDC is at the forefront of this unstoppable global revolution.

But we need *your* voice -- and *your* help -- to show the President that he cannot stop our nation from fighting climate change, or stop the world from progressing toward a clean energy future.

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Rising sea levels, punishing droughts, raging wildfires, melting icecaps -- the effects of global warming are being felt *now*. We cannot afford four years or more of denial and delay. We must stand united against Donald Trump's fossil-fuel agenda that would destroy our natural heritage and send us careening toward climate catastrophe.

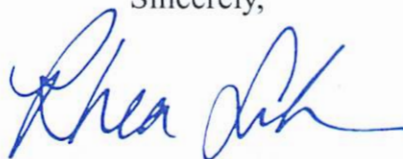
I'm asking you to play a frontline role in building a firestorm of opposition to President Trump's pro-polluter agenda even as we advance the cause of clean energy around the world.

Sign the enclosed Petition to President Trump. We have to let him know that he is facing an overwhelming tide of public opposition if he tries to roll back climate progress and steal our clean energy future.

And please join NRDC with a gift of \$25 -- or more if you can afford it. That's a little bit more than \$2 a month to hit back hard against the coming attacks and defend our environment on all fronts.

With your help, we're going to give President Trump the fight of his life. Please let me know you'll stand with us.

Sincerely,



Rhea Suh
President

STAND STRONG FOR CLIMATE ACTION!

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WE MUST make sure that President Trump faces a firestorm of opposition — in and out of court — as he tries to roll back climate protections and sacrifice our natural heritage to the fossil fuel giants. I want to help NRDC fight back, build unstoppable momentum for climate action and defend our environment on all fronts.

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☐ I have signed my Petition to President Trump. Please deliver it to him as part of a massive public outcry against policies of climate denial and giveaways of our natural heritage.

Here is my email address. Please keep me updated on this campaign:

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PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT

To: President Donald J. Trump

You vowed during the campaign to put America first, but your pro-polluter policies are putting us dead last in the fight against climate change. Your reckless decision to abandon the Paris Climate Agreement threatens not only our planet but also America's health, security and a clean energy economy that supports millions of jobs.

You may have broken our climate promise to the world but I intend to keep it! I am joining millions of others in supporting far-reaching climate action that will help our nation meet the goals of the Paris accord. And I will strongly oppose your plans to revive the dangerous Keystone XL pipeline, dismantle President Obama's Clean Power Plan, and sacrifice our priceless natural heritage for more climate-wrecking fossil fuels.

True leaders represent the will of the people. Seven out of ten Americans want to address the catastrophic threat of global warming. Unless and until you meet the climate demands of the majority, I will stand with NRDC — both in and out of court — to challenge any policies that force us down a path toward climate chaos.

Sincerely,

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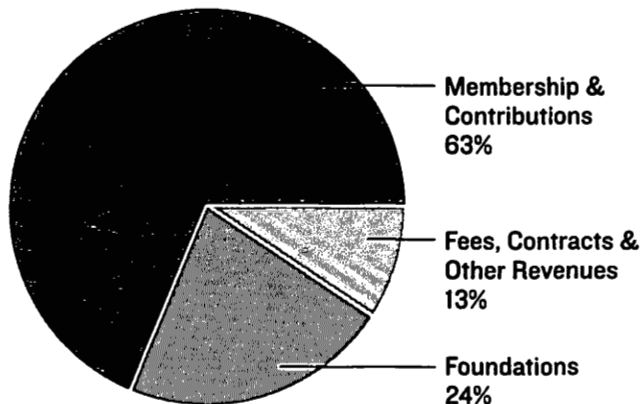
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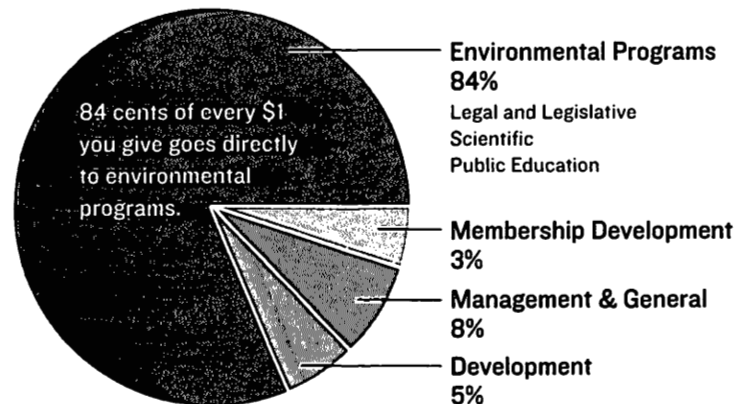
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